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" (c) The amount of loans sanctioned to each of the six out of twelve building societies during the last six financial years beginning with 1st April 1947 is as follows :—

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1. Rajahmundry Gandhipuram Co-operative Building Society	28,600
2. Rajahmundry Public Servants' Co-operative Building Society	5,000
3. Rajahmundry Weavers' Co-operative House Building Society	43,500
4. Razole Co-operative Building Society ...	78,400
5. Kakinada Co-operative Building Society ...	1,24,600
6. Ramachandrapuram Co-operative Building Society	10,800
Total ...	2,90,900

" The remaining six societies have not so far taken up construction work and hence no loan has been sanctioned to them."

Neera parlour near the Assembly Chamber.

* 693 *Q.*—SRI B. LAKSHMINARASA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state the reason for opening a neera parlour near the Assembly Chamber?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" A neera parlour has been opened, on an oral request of some hon. Members as also with a view to popularize its use as a cheap and healthy beverage."

Firka Development Scheme in Tanjore district.

* 694 *Q.*—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to extend the Firka Development Scheme to the taluks of Mannargudi and Tiruthuraipundi in the Tanjore district; and

(*b*) if so, what the firkas selected are and what the amount to be spent is and in what manner?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Regularization of the services of emergency candidates appointed under rule 9 (a) (i).

* 695 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) in the case of 9 (*a*) (i) candidates who have not been selected by the Madras Public Service Commission in the examination held in 1951 for the regularization of their services and who

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are aged more than 25 years, whether it is a fact that their previous service in Government offices will not as a matter of course be reckoned for the purposes of exemption from age-limit for future scope for entry into Government service; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the reasons for treating those 9 (a) (i) candidates differently from other cases of non-9 (a) (i) candidates who securing even a temporary Government job before the age of 25 are automatically deemed to have obtained exemption from age restriction for future entry to Government service?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) In the case of all candidates employed under general rule 9 (a) (i) the temporary service rendered by them up to 31st December 1948 will be taken into account in computing their age for appointment.

" (b) With a view to regularise the services of persons employed in the Civil Supplies Department, Government permitted them to sit for the special competitive examination held by the Madras Public Service Commission in February 1952 and June 1952, subject to certain conditions. Many of the persons could not however satisfy the prescribed conditions and the hardship to a large number of persons in the Civil Supplies Department who were suddenly thrown out of employment continued. The Government therefore directed that temporary persons discharged from the Civil Supplies Department be allowed to deduct the period of their temporary service under the State Government subsequent to their discharge from the Civil Supplies Department in computing their age for appointment."

Additional staff in the Government Hospital at Badagara.

* 696 Q.—SRI E. K. SANKARA VARMA RAJA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) having increased the number of beds in the Government Headquarters Hospital at Badagara in Kurumbranad taluk, Malabar district, the reasons for the delay in appointing the necessary staff; and

(b) when they will be appointed?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) The proposal to increase the bed strength and staff of the hospital will be considered in connexion with the regular budget for 1953–54."

Number of buses run by the Government.

* 697 Q.—SRI N. VENKATARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the number of buses owned and run by the Government; and